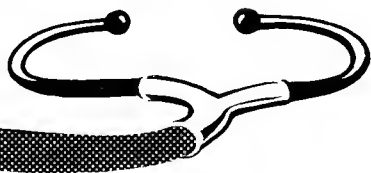




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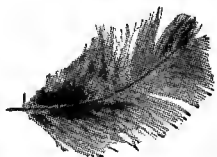
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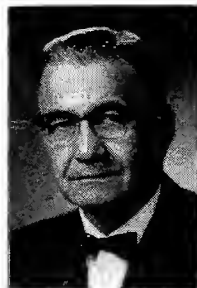


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Our President Speaks

CHECKUPS VITAL FOR TEACHERS

The need for teachers and other school personnel to undergo periodic medical checkups was stressed at a joint session of the American Medical Association and the American School Health Association in New York City.

Physicians and educators said such medical examinations of teachers, janitors, bus drivers, and others employed at schools would not only help prevent the spread of disease to children but aid in maintaining the supply in the manpower-short teaching profession.

Dr. Lemuel C. McGee, M.D., president of the Delaware Medical Association, stated that in no group is health—physical, mental and social—more important than in our teachers.

It is not sufficient that school children be protected only from the obvious hazards of infectious disease carried by a teacher. Pupils are definitely entitled to a teacher with physical well-being and emotional stability.

Gerhardt Rast, Ph.D., head of the Lincoln School, New York City, told the group that school administrators must concern themselves with the emotional as well as physical health of teachers.

Teachers responsibilities today are "infinitely many and complex", he noted. Due to persistent parental demands, increased class size, and other pressures, studies show that more teachers are absent from work because of emotional and nervous problems than any other reason, said Dr. Rast.

George L. Cushman, M.D., said a physical examination for all personnel who come in contact with children should be mandatory on a pre-employment basis and should be available annually or bi-annually thereafter.

Dr. Cushman, family and school physician, North Woodbury, Conn., called for a complete physical and historical evaluation of all school personnel regardless of their apparent status of health.

—A. K. Phillips, M.D.
President

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EDITORIAL

A FIRM STAND—AT LAST

For years the physicians of our country have wondered at the "Willy Nilly" **stated** position of the A.M.A. in its opposition to nationalized medicine.

To be sure the doctors of the nation and organized medicine have fought this "pie in the sky" political encroachment on free enterprise and private medical practice almost to the man—yet never have we seen a short concise inspiring statement of policy by our national organization.

Now we have a beautifully composed deadly accurate Magna Carta for American medicine. Something that every physician can and will want to live by.

This expression of medicine's position was made by Louis Bauer, Past President of the A.M.A., and until recently Secretary General of the World Medical Association. He made this statement as an amendment to a resolution against the King-Anderson Bill (H.R. 4222). It was carried in the House of Delegates by unanimous acclaim and received thunderous applause by the A.M.A. representatives from all the fifty states.

This is it—read it slowly and carefully.

"The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association records its opposition to any legislation of the King-Anderson type. Its opposition is based on the facts that such legislation does not meet the needs of the situation; interferes with the doctor-patient relationship; interferes with the rights of doctors employed in hospitals; is inordinately expensive; leads inevitably to further encroachments by government into medical care; results eventually in a deterioration of the type of medical care rendered the public; and is therefore detrimental to the public interest.

"The House of Delegates invites attention to the fact that the medical profession is the only group which can render medical care under

any system and that the medical profession is best qualified to determine how the best medical care can be delivered.

"The House of Delegates believes that the medical profession will see to it that every person receives the best available medical care regardless of his ability to pay, and it further believes that the profession will render that care according to the system it believes is in the public interest and that it will not be a willing party to implementing any system which we believe to be detrimental to the public welfare."

Then this fine statement could well be framed and hung in every doctors' office. What do you think?

The Society wishes to express its deepest sympathy to John and Blodwyn Rogers in the loss of their son, John.

It is always most difficult to express in words the grief that one experiences at the sudden loss of a friend or relative.

But to lose a brilliant, talented, and loving son at the very onset of a promising career is a shattering blow.

All who know the Rogers family are deeply saddened and will offer their prayers that Almighty God in His goodness and wisdom will hasten to soften this crushing sorrow.

"DOCTOR'S HOUSE CALL" NEW RADIO PROGRAM

A new radio program, "Doctor's House Call," will take to the air locally through the cooperation of the Mahoning County Medical Society and the American Medical Association, beginning Monday, September 4th.

The five-minute program presents Dr. James Rogers Fox, a past-chairman of the A.M.A. Radio-TV Committee, in brief recorded messages on a variety of medical subjects of interest to the layman. Dr. Fox, specializing in internal and occupational medicine, is on the medical faculty of the University of Minnesota. He has been conducting the same program, which is now being syndicated nationally, in Minneapolis for two years.

The program, endorsed by the American Medical Association, was approved by the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the June meeting.

The program will be sponsored by Peoples Drug Stores. The sponsorship was subject to approval by the American Medical Association. After hearing the trial program as prepared by John Moses of WKBN, Peoples Drug Stores representatives decided to sponsor the program not only in Youngstown, but also in Akron, Roanoke, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, D.C.

The program will be heard at 9:05 a.m., Monday through Friday over WKBN. John Moses will introduce Dr. Fox on each program. Topics for the first week include: Blood Pressure, Influenza, Vitamins, Heart Murmur, and Antibiotics. The Mahoning County Medical Society will receive mention on each program.

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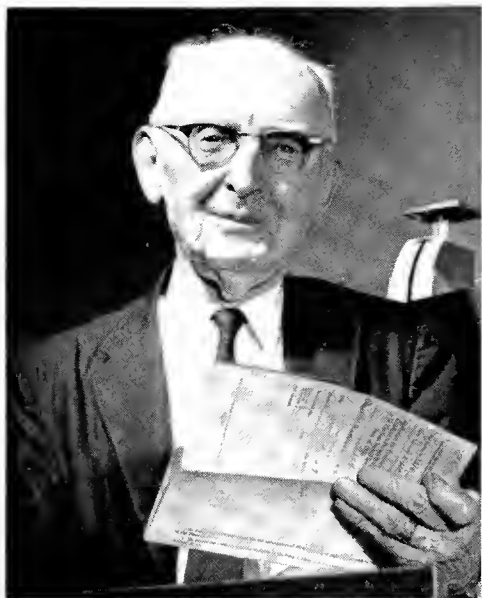
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All physicians in the Mahoning County Medical Society who have Ohio licenses dated 1917 or later have something in common. They are all signed by Dr. H. M. Platter as Secretary of the Ohio State Medical Board. This was the year he took over the duties of office.

Now, after 43 years of service, Dr. Platter has announced that if a successor can be found, he will retire. He was 92 years old on June 18. He is only the third person to serve as the Ohio State Medical Board's secretary since it was established in the Medical Licensure Act of 1896. Dr. Frank Winders of Ohio State University was the first, and Dr. George H. Matson of Ohio Wesleyan University was the second.

During the first two years of the board's existence, Dr. Platter was the assistant secretary, after which he spent nine years with the Columbus Health Department. From 1908 to 1910, he traveled the state investigating the epidemics of typhoid, polio and scarlet fever. He then studied a year in Berlin and Vienna and returned in 1912 to begin a practice in dermatology. This was short-lived. He was promptly persuaded by the late George Rudebush to establish a formal health program in the Columbus public school system and write its first health manual. He remained at this work until he became secretary of the Medical Board.

His 43 years with the board finds Ohio leading the union in licensure reciprocity. Along the way, Dr. Platter has successfully persuaded many other state boards to recognize the professional competence of each other's physicians. "Why not, if they are graduates of approved medical schools and of sound character?" he asks.

Dr. Platter retired eight years ago from the part-time practice he pursued for 35 years, due, as he puts it, to his advancing years. Yet, sharp of mind and sound in body, he admits some concern at what he will do to keep active should he retire.

Born at Lockbourne, the son of a farmer, John C. Platter, Dr. Platter received his premedical degree at Ohio Wesleyan in 1889 and his medical degree at Starling Medical College in 1892. He interned and served as house physician at old St. Francis Hospital. He fondly recalls among his teachers Dr. Starling Loving; the surgeon, Thomas C. Hoover; and the obstetrician and gynecologist, D. Todd Gilliam, who was as well known in Europe as in the U.S. for his "Gilliam Operation." Among his many affiliations over the years, one of the most prized is the 14 years he taught medical law in the O.S.U. College of Medicine between 1928 and 1942.

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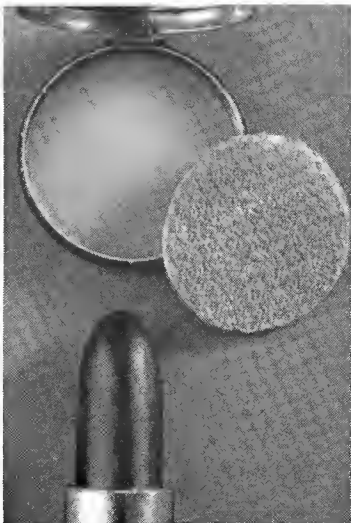
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STARK COUNTY NAMES POSTGRADUATE SPEAKERS

Stark County Medical Society will be host in Canton, Wednesday, October 25, for the annual Sixth Councilor District Postgraduate Day. Registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. at the Onesto Hotel and all meetings with the exception of Obstetrics and Gynecology Sections will be at the Onesto. Following registration at the Onesto, the Obstetrics and Gynecology will be at the Y.M.C.A. one-half block away, until noon. Following luncheon, from noon until 1:15 P.M. at Mergus Garden Room across Second Street from the Onesto, Charles Nelson, Executive Secretary of the Ohio State Medical Association and his staff will present a panel discussion on medical legislation. At 2:30 P.M. meetings will resume at the Onesto Hotel and at the Y.M.C.A.

An excellent group of speakers from many sections of the United States has been obtained and their topics will be of interest to all physicians. The speakers include:

OB-GYN

- Dr. Kenneth L. Ryan
A. H. Bill Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Western Reserve University, Director of Department of OB-GYN, Western Reserve University.
- Dr. Roger B. Scott
Associate Professor of OB-GYN, Western Reserve University.
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- Dr. Konrad Saameli
Research Associate, Western Reserve University from Clinic of Professor Kaser, St. Gallen, Switzerland.
- Dr. Thomas Eskes
Research Associate, Western Reserve University from Dept. of OB-GYN, University of Nijmegen, Holland Stolte.
- Dr. Stanley F. Patton, Jr.
Sr. Instructor in Pathology, Western Reserve University.

SURGICAL

- Dr. Arthur James
Associate Professor of Surgery and Oncology, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.
- Dr. F. A. Simeone
Professor of Surgery, Western Reserve University, Director of Department of Surgery, Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland.
- Dr. George Crile
Director of General Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Dr. Geza deTakats
Clinical Professor of Surgery, University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois.
- Dr. Alfred Humphries
Director of the Department of Vascular Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.

MEDICAL

Dr. Victor G. DeWolfe

FACP Departments of Cardio-Vascular Disease and Vascular Surgery, Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Frank E. Bunts Educational Institute, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. William McKendree Jefferies

Endocrinology Dept., University Hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Sol Sherry

Professor of Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. George J. Hamwi

Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Endocrinology, College of Medicine, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. William O. Robertson

Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Their topics will be listed in detail at a later date.

The Stark County Medical Auxiliary has planned an interesting day including luncheon and an unusual guest speaker. They will join their husbands at a pre-banquet reception and banquet following the afternoon meetings.

BLUE CROSS GROUPS COMPLETE ENROLLMENT

The medical assistants Blue Cross-Blue Shield group, established and maintained by the Mahoning County Medical Society, has completed its yearly enrollment with an addition of 18 new members, bringing the total to 66. Coverage for the year began on August 1. The next open date will be prior to August 1, 1962.

The physicians Blue Cross-Blue Shield group, which completed enrollment during the month of June, consists of 206 members of the medical society. Despite the change to a more expensive coverage (Blue Cross "oil" plan and Blue Shield Preferred), the group has only one less member than in the previous year. Fourteen new members joined the group, while fifteen dropped out for various reasons.

Coverage for the physicians' group began as of July 1. Next open date will be prior to July 1, 1962.

EX-INTERN DAY AT ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

The annual reunion of the Ex-Intern-Resident Association of St. Elizabeth Hospital was held Wednesday, August 9. The scientific assembly was held in the morning at the hospital, and golf and dinner at Squaw Creek Country Club in the afternoon and evening.

The following papers were presented: "Pheochromocytoma of Pregnancy associated with nor-epinephrine myocarditis," Dr. F. Kocab; "Cornual Pregnancy," Dr. M. Casale; "Ruptured Uterus—St. Elizabeth Hospital," V. Lopez; "Extra-genital Hematoma," Dr. M. Spencer; "Significance of Premature Ventricular Contractions," Dr. N. Garritano; "Kidney Revascularization in Renal Hypertension," Dr. E. Massullo; "Surgery of Pulmonary Valve Stenosis," Dr. A. Riberi; and "Orthogonal Leads in Electrocardiography," Dr. F. Tiberio. The last mentioned has been accepted for publication by the Ohio State Medical Journal under the title, "The Introduction of a New Lead System," by Milan Halmos, L. P. Caccamo, Elias Saadi.



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ORANGE BLOSSOMS: Miss Erica Brandt, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs.

A. J. Brandt was married to Walter U. Birath, Jr., of Beaver Falls, Pa. on June 24. On August 6th wedding bells rang for Miss Marlyn Volpert and LeRoy Moyer. Mr. Moyer is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lewason Moyer, formerly of Youngstown. Mrs. Robert L. Piercy is announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Jo Ann to Benjamin D. Wells, Jr. of Arlington, Va. The event occurs on August 26th. Miss Piercy is the daughter of the late Doctor Robert L. Piercy and the grand-daughter of the late Dr. F. F. Piercy.

CONVENTIONS: A.M.A. at New York City—those attending were Dr. and

Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. A. Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. Saul Tamarkin, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Franklin, Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Kravec and Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans. Mrs. Evans has been elected Constitutional Secretary to the Women's Auxiliary of the A.M.A. Still on the move, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenblum also attended sessions of the A.M.A. in New York and the meetings of the American College of Angiology, the American Diabetes Association. They also went to Washington, D.C. to see their son Jerold Rosenblum. Dr. John J. Turner and Dr. W. B. Turner were in New York attending the American College of Chest Physicians. Dr. John Turner was elected a Fellow of the College. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Tims and daughter Jean were in Pittsburgh where Dr. Tims attended the meetings of the American Proctological Society.

MOVING DAY: Dr. Henry S. Ellison to Bel-Park Building and Dr. Vincent

G. Herman to 88 Twelfth St., Campbell, Ohio. Drs. Hutt and Hovanic announce the association of Dr. Wilfred B. Dodgson, Dr. J. L. Scarnecchia the association of Dr. James Bates, and Drs. McElroy, Cook, Foster, the association of Dr. Paul H. Bauer. Dr. Donald R. Sickler has been appointed full time director of Medical Education at St. E.'s Hospital. He came from Newport, Indiana. He succeeds Dr. David Ginder who has gone to the University of Missouri Medical School as a professor.

VACATIONS: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher and family were at Bethany

Beach, Md. and enroute home visited historic Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Friedrich and family were at their usual summer hideout at Golden Lake, Ontario. He is not sure if the name was adopted because of the tariff or the color imparted by the beautiful sunsets. Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Jenkins and family spent a two week holiday touring

Washington, D.C., North Carolina and the old South. Dr. and Mrs. John A. Renner, and their son, John A. Renner, Jr., medical student at Western Reserve University, have returned from New York where their daughter and sister, Miss Bow Renner, sailed with a party of college students for a summer tour of Europe. She will be a senior at Denison University next year. Our executive secretary, Howard Rempes, with his family, visited Howard, Sr. at St. Petersburg, Florida. He reports that his dad, the former Youngstown druggist, is 81 and younger than ever. On the way home, he took the family out to Cape Canaveral to watch Grissom fly into space. But this was the day that the count-down was stopped at 10 minutes and 30 seconds, so they were disappointed.

HONORS: The Mahoning Chapter of the American Red Cross gave pins to board members for service: Twenty years—Mr. David Endres, Five Years—Sister M. Baptista, Dr. B. B. Burrowes and Dr. F. L. Schellhase.

—G. E. D.

I WISH AND I WONDER

I wish the television networks would show the film "The Disability Decision." Members of our society witnessed it at the June meeting. The purpose of the film is to demonstrate to physicians the medical data that is needed when a person applies for disability under the social security law. In fulfilling this purpose, the film also demonstrated federalized medicine in action.

I wonder how the aged would react to learning that their physicians are very limited by the social security administration. The decision regarding disability is not the physician's—in fact, his opinion is not desired!

I wonder how people would react to seeing a physician and an administrator (aided by magnetic tapes and clerks behind book covered desks) studying reports, never the patient, then making the disability decision. This is done 180 miles from Youngstown by a physician and a non-medical man who is trained in disability evaluation. I wonder if anyone knows exactly what qualifies a man for the latter.

I wonder what people would think concerning proposed medical care for the aged under social security when they saw that free choice of physician was free choice only up to a point of administrative decisions. Physicians cannot help but wonder if the medical care itself would soon be determined by administrative orders and not by the judgments of truly freely chosen physicians.

I wonder why only a passing reference is made to the fact that people have little recourse to the courts after a negative administrative decision is made. In a true insurance system, recourse to law is readily available. Under social security, after considerable red tape, a claim can finally be adjudicated in a federal court. This court reviews the medical records (no other testimony is taken) and decides if the administrative decision is supported by substantial evidence.

I wonder if any person who considered the subtle facets of this film would welcome or favor federalized medical care.

I wonder if this factual demonstration of federalized medicine would be far more informative than statistics, explanations, slogans, promises, emotional pleas and promises.

—Frank Gelbman, M.D.

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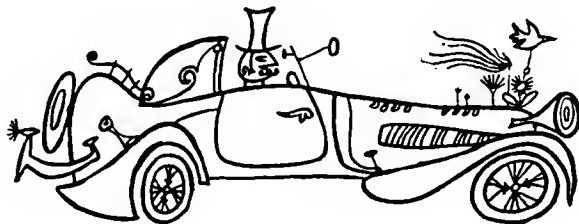
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Twenty Years Ago—August, 1941

The doctors were enjoying a relaxed and carefree summer although Editor Norris said the Committees were busy with Society affairs. The golf day at Southern Hills in July brought out 95 members for an afternoon and evening of fun, food and prizes.

Bill Welsh and John Rogers tied for low gross with 78's and had to play it off later for the trophy and golf bag offered by the Medical-Dental Bureau. Sam Schwebel was low putter and George McKelvey had the longest drive. There were door prizes galore: McElroy got the golf bag donated by Lyons, Fisher got the portable radio donated by Huffman (it still works). Kupec got a hand bag from Mead Johnson and Yarmy an electric clock from Jones Drugs.

In the blind bogey prizes were won by some happy players whose clubs are now put aside forever: Hank Osborne, R. R. Morral, Paul Fuzy, W. X. Taylor, J. D. Brown, J. H. Price and John Hardman. They were with us then for that pleasant day and should not be forgotten. In memory of the occasion the Medical Crier burst out in doggerel verse (10 of them of which we quote three):

You wouldn't think to look at him a 'crouchin there so small
With body bent most double, his stern eye upon the ball,
That he was versed in medicine, a man of great renown
That eyes are turned, that hats are doffed when he goes through the town.

You wouldn't think to see him swing with such a lack of grace
With arms spread out akimbo and despair upon his face
That he could yank a tonsil out with hand quite deft and sure
Or take the gravest kind of case and always know the cure.

He moves the club head to and fro, his gaze o'er the sward
His mind's made up, his purpose clear, he's going to smite it hard.
His body sways, his head moves too, he swings with awkward style—
The ball still sits upon the tee. He missed it by a mile!

There were other divertissements that summer. Former internes of the Youngstown Hospital held a reunion on August 14th with a clinical session at the hospital followed by golf and dinner at the Youngstown Country Club. H. E. Kerr was in charge of the arrangements. An old fashioned picnic at Milliken's farm was scheduled in September.

It was the last care-free summer for many a year. The clouds were gathering and by next year we would be in the war upto the hilt. As President Walker said in his message: "How long, O God! Shall America be spared?"

Ten Years Ago—August, 1951

President Wenas announced the appointment of a committee to solicit donations to the American Medical Educational Foundation. The A.M.A. started the ball rolling with a contribution of \$500,000.

A survey of physicians' incomes by the Department of Commerce showed that in 1949 the average net income before taxes of physicians in independent practice amounted to \$11,858 while salaried physicians received \$8,272. Specialists earned \$15,014 while general practitioners reported \$8,835. Of the specialists, the highest paid were neuro-surgeons at \$28,628 followed by pathologists with \$22,284.

At the A.M.A. Convention in Atlantic City two Youngstown physician-artists were honored. R. D. Murray was awarded a bronze plaque for his oil painting "The Day's Enigma" and P. J. Harvey received third prize for his snow scene of the steel mills along the Mahoning River.

New internes at the Youngstown Hospital were: Ben Berg, David R. Brown, Robt. G. Warnock and A. E. Billett (dental). Residents were: Charles Giering and Robert Parry in anesthesia, Robert Brown and R. L. Jenkins in internal medicine, Robert Foster in orthopedics, Earl Brant in radiology; R. D. Murray, Paul Fuzy, Jr., and F. L. Fagnano in surgery.

New internes at St. Elizabeth's were: Milan Halmos, Frank Morrison and S. V. Squicquero. Residents were: E. A. Massulo, Donald Bernat and James R. Sofranec in surgery; Robert Bruchs was chief resident in obstetrics.

Wayne Hardin opened an office for the practice of surgery at 2921 Glenwood Ave. Henry Shorr started practice with Dave Levy in the Home Savings and Loan Bldg. Charles Scofield was named Health Commissioner for Mahoning County.

John McDonough had a leading article on "The Lower Right Rectus Incision In The Female." He said that usually such incisions are unwarranted. They cause serious interference with the nerve and blood supply to the rectus muscle and often result in hernias years later.

W. H. Hayden was elected President of the Medical-Dental Bureau. C. A. Gustafson was Vice-President, G. E. DeCicco was Secretary, M. W. Neidus was Treasurer and R. A. Hall assistant Treasurer. They had so much money they had to have two Treasurers, one to watch the other. Dr. Hayden who died recently in his eighties was one of Youngstown's pioneer dentists. He was a founder of the Bureau and always took an active interest in it. He was President of the Ohio Dental Society and practiced good dentistry until the very last when old Father Time tapped him on the shoulder and told him he was promoted upstairs.

—J. L. F.

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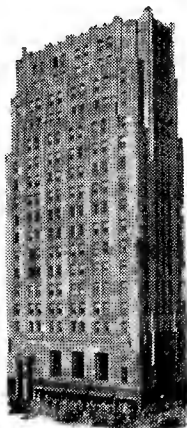
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The visiting professors who will engage in the academic program are the most prominent names in the international cardio-vascular field. From Georgetown University School of Medicine will come Dr. Charles Hufnagel, chief of cardio-vascular surgery, and Dr. W. Proctor Harvey, chief of cardiology. From St. Vincent's Charity Hospital in Cleveland will come Dr. Henry Zimmerman, chief of medicine and director of the Cardio-pulmonary Laboratory, and Dr. Earl B. Kay, chief of cardio-vascular surgery.

Dr. Hufnagel is the developer of the now famed plastic aortic Hufnagel valve. Dr. Harvey is co-author of the book, "Auscultation of the Heart." Dr. Earl Kay has developed the first aortic valvular prosthesis. Dr. Zimmerman is author of the only complete text on intra-vascular catheterization. These men will engage in an all-day academic affair which will consist of CPC, case presentations, and lectures in their various fields of interest. Drs. Kay and Hufnagel will speak on recent advances in aortic valvular surgery and Drs. Zimmerman and Harvey will speak on the auscultation of the heart and selection of patients for cardiac catheterization.

The members of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Cardio-vascular team which consists of Dr. Edmund Massullo, Dr. Angelo Riberi, Dr. Leonard Caccamo, and Dr. Elias Saadi will demonstrate the cardiac catheterization laboratory and the heart lung machine as well as other pieces of equipment utilized in this field.

The American Academy of General Practice is granting 6½ hours of credit, Category I. The tentative schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Clinical Pathological Conference
with Drs. Hufnagel, Kay, Zimmerman, and Harvey.
- 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Case presentations
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Discussion on recent advances in aortic valvular
surgery with Drs. Hufnagel and Kay.
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Discussion on cardiac auscultation and selection of
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STATE MEDICINE IN TROUBLE

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Britain's National Health Service, often cited by proponents of a system of state medicine for the United States, again is running into stormy seas—perhaps the stormiest of its 12-year history.

Public resentment at another increase (in addition to taxes) in direct costs to the beneficiaries of the "free" NHS was most dramatically signaled by a one-day strike of workers in Manchester in protest at the announcement of increased charges for eyeglasses and false teeth.

The renewed criticisms against the British version of socialized medicine are of interest to Americans in view of the proposals currently under discussion in Washington which would tie health care for the aged to the Social Security system somewhat as Britain's health service is tied to the over-all tax-supported welfare state program.

In the last British fiscal year, which ended April 1, the NHS cost the government \$2.2 billion. This was 13 per cent more than the preceding year and almost twice the cost in the NHS's initial year, 1949-50. The cost was roughly half what England spent on national defense and equalled 14 per cent of all government expenditures.

This is why the government has been compelled to increase the compulsory social security contributions, which finance the "free" Health Service, from \$1.37 to \$1.49 weekly to raise the cost of false teeth from \$12 to \$14 and of eyeglasses by 70 cents. Drug prescriptions will cost 14 cents more.

These amounts may seem small by our standards, but they are important to Britons whose average wages are less than half what their American counterparts earn.

British state medicine is under fire also on grounds other than financial. Both doctors and the public complain that the caliber of medical service has steadily deteriorated.

Some of the 20,000 doctors in the NHS have as many as 3500 patients registered with them, about three times the clientele of an average American general practitioner.

Building of new hospitals has not kept pace with needs. Not enough specialists are being trained. Those now in practice say they're overworked and patients are irked at long waiting lines and hurried consultations.

A prominent London obstetrician charges that the state-operated maternity units are "mere baby factories, lacking all humanity." Another doctor accuses the government of dragging its feet in medical research because new discoveries might cause an increase in NHS costs.

Abuse of the health service has been a perennial problem and apparently is getting no better. A recent survey turned up many instances of people seeking unneeded treatment or exemption from work for unjustified medical needs.

And even so, some 2,000,000 Britons although they are compelled to contribute to the support of NHS, now pay for private treatment outside the state medicine system. And the nation's biggest private health insurance plan, which had 65,000 members when NHS was inaugurated, now has 850,000. Private medicine seems emphatically to be preferred by those who can afford it—and possibly the figures cited suggest, by some who can't.

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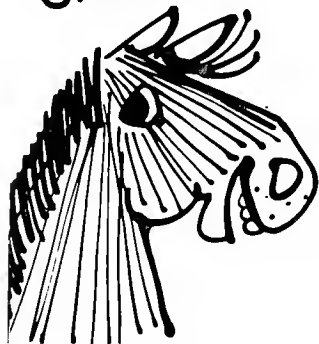
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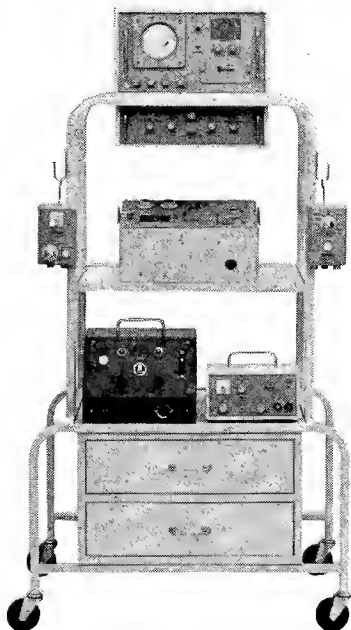
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

June 27, 1961

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, June 27, 1961 at the Youngstown Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: C. W. Stertzbach, President-elect, presiding, A. A. Detesco, F. G. Schlecht, G. E. DiCicco, P. J. Mahar, H. P. McGregor, John J. McDonough, C. C. Wales, Frank Gelbman, and Jack Schreiber. Also present were Drs. Robert Ciekurs and Rene Cossette. Absent were: R. R. Fisher, E. R. McNeal, A. K. Phillips, C. E. Pichette, Asher Randell, H. J. Reese, F. A. Resch, M. S. Rosenblum, and R. J. Scheetz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Gelbman introduced discussion concerning new members of the medical society. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the president of the society appoint a sponsor to help each man who is starting in practice in Youngstown.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced Dr. Ciekurs and Dr. Cossette, guests of council, who are new active members in the society.

Dr. Schreiber presented a tape-recording of a radio program, "Doctors House Call," to be aired over WKBN. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the program be approved and that sponsorship by a chain drug store be approved.

Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the bills be paid. A list of bills is attached to the minutes.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Robert S. Gelonese, president of the Youngstown Casket Co., to the City Board of Health.

Dr. McGregor announced that we are still waiting for a check from the sale of the society's government bonds.

He announced that two meetings had been held by the Canfield exhibitors, that 19 exhibitors would participate in the medical health tent, and that this years exhibit would be 30 feet more in space than last year's.

Discussion ensued on an article to be submitted to the newspaper announcing that no one in Youngstown need go without medical care. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the executive secretary write to the Jefferson County Medical Society and get their reaction concerning their own placement of a newspaper ad.

Discussion ensued concerning the film, "Disability Decision," shown at the June meeting of the medical society. Dr. Gelbman was asked to write an article about the film for the Bulletin.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles S. Nelson, executive secretary of the Ohio State Medical Association concerning Sabin oral Vaccine. Following discussion, it was decided that the Polio Committee should contact the city and county health commissioners, and should meet as soon as possible, and that this committee should then meet at a special meeting of council to be called during the summer. The executive secretary was asked to get information from Cincinnati and Harrisburg concerning mass immunizations with the Sabin oral vaccine.

Dr. McDonough made the suggestion that recognition plaques be presented to WFMJ and WKBN and the Vindicator for their cooperation with the medical society. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded,

and duly passed that the program chairman be directed to consider Marjorie Shearon as a speaker for the news media appreciation meeting, to which the doctors wives would be invited, to take place at the September meeting of the society.

Dr. Stertzbach reported on the quarterly meeting of the Sixth Councilor District officers, held June 21 at Congress Lake. He urged that council help promote the Postgraduate Assembly to be held in Canton on October 25th.

Mr. Rempes presented a Public Relations proposal. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the proposal be accepted. The report is attached to the minutes. It was suggested that a flyer be sent to the membership asking that public relations ideas be sent in to Mr. Rempes.

Dr. Detesco reported that the public schools wanted to use a biographical sketch of the Board of Education member doctors in a schools publication. Council approved use of such an article and requested a copy for our files.

Mr. Rempes inquired concerning changes in doctors fees in the past fifteen years for a story being prepared by the Vindicator.

Dr. Stertzbach called attention to a news release concerning the A.M.A. annual meeting which published cases of isolated grievances against doctors. The executive secretary was directed to write a letter to the A.M.A. asking why such a release was made, and to express the disapproval of our council.

Meeting was adjourned.

—H. C. Rempes
Executive Secretary

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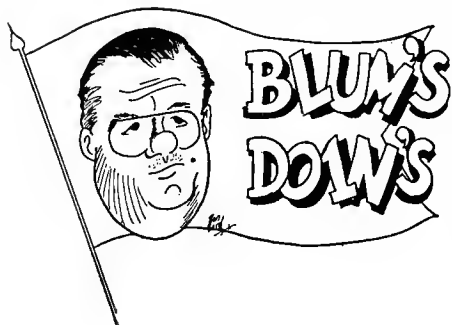
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From 1931 to 1958 in Baltimore, 611 cases of lead poisoning were reported, averaging more than 22 annually. Of the total, 114 cases were fatal.

In the entire country, 64 deaths from lead poisoning were reported in 1955. Of this number 47, or 73 per cent, were in children under the age of five years.

Studies in New York and Chicago have shown the largest number of cases occur in the second year, the teething and mouth-conscious age.

It also was found the disease is more likely to be found in lower economic groups, in children from families living in old houses in which walls and woodwork have received many coats of paint over the years. This paint is more apt to chip and flake.

Although most paint now available for such purposes is lead free, this development is comparatively recent. A few years ago almost all paint was manufactured with a lead base. A child with pica—a craving for unnatural articles of food—may pick these flakes from surfaces or he may suck and chew on a repainted crib, furniture or window sill and thus ingest lead-containing paint.

Onset of lead poisoning often is marked by lack of appetite, vague abdominal pains, listlessness, increased irritability, constipation and occasional vomiting. Parents sometimes are inclined to assume the indisposition springs from "hot weather" the "worms" or a wide assortment of ills.

Or the child may suddenly develop convulsions with no previous convulsive history. Unless the convulsions are difficult to control or depression is prolonged, the physician may be misled by such deceptive clues as a recent head injury or a fever which may lead to a diagnosis of febrile convulsion.

Other symptoms of lead poisoning may include hypertension, ataxia, weakness or paralysis of an upper motor neuron type and changes in behavior.

A child under five with a history of pica who is exhibiting mild gastrointestinal symptoms and changes in behavior, or appearance of initial convulsions in a child with pica, should alert parents to the possibility of lead poisoning and the immediate need for medical diagnosis and treatment.

This article seems particularly appropriate at this time since the Ohio Department of Health has enlarged its facilities to do both urine and blood lead determinations at its Industrial Hygiene Lab at 1147 Chesapeake Avenue, Columbus 12, Ohio.

Since very strict precautions must be taken in collecting these specimens the containers are available only at St. Elizabeth's and Youngstown Hospitals and the Youngstown Health Department.

Also available at the Health Department for free distributions to physicians is the booklet "The Recognition of Lead Poisoning in the Child" by the Public Health Service and a folder on Lead Poisoning for distribution to the laity.

—L. A. Blum, M.D.
Health Commissioner

SECOND SEMINAR PLANS UNDER WAY

Those who attended the successful cultural seminar of last spring will be happy to know that another seminar is in the planning. In charge of the second year session will be Dr. Frank Gelbman. The idea was initiated last year by Dr. Jack Schreiber.

Current planning calls for the seminar to start in the late autumn of this year. The schedule of courses will probably be announced in September.

BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN—CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN REPORT FOR JUNE, 1961

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	160	132	148	174	614
Deaths	88	70	57	49	264
Infants Deaths Res	3	5	3	2	13

JUNE, 1960

Births	194	213	180	181	768
Deaths	71	51	62	44	228
Infants Deaths	4	1	2	3	10

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

	June, 1961		June, 1960	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox	3	0	11	0
Measles	32	0	3	0
Mumps	3	0	38	0
Polio	0	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	5	0	13	0
Tuberculosis	7	2	6	0
Typhoid-Para	0	0	1	0
Gonorrhea	11	0	18	0
Syphilis	2	0	9	0
Infectious Hepatitis	2	0	0	0
Salmonelle	0	0	2	0
Trichinosis	0	0	1	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
New Patients			
Syphilis	1	0	1
Gonorrhea	7	4	11
Total Visitor (Patients) to Clinic			122

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